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The Student Newspaper of The University of Texas-Pan American

Opposition growing to ban on Federal aid for drug criminals

By CAROL LEWIS

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Opposition is growing on college campuses to a provision of the Higher Education Act that withholds federal financial aid from students convicted of selling or possessing drugs.

Congress passed the provision in the fall to send a message to young drug users, but opponents say that it denies money to troubled students when they need it most to turn their lives around, that it fails to address drug intervention and education, and that it ignores other types of criminal behavior.

Many college students are becoming aware of the provision but worry about its ramifications.

"I am a little scared myself. I know how people's names get dropped, and they can get arrested," said Hunter Russell, a junior at the University of Texas at Dallas. "My main fear is being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I could lose my financial aid. I'm pretty dependent on it."

The provision, part of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998, goes into effect in fall 2000 and denies grants, loans and work assistance to

students convicted under federal or state law.

Students can lose at least one year of financial aid for a drug possession conviction and at least two years for a conviction of selling drugs.

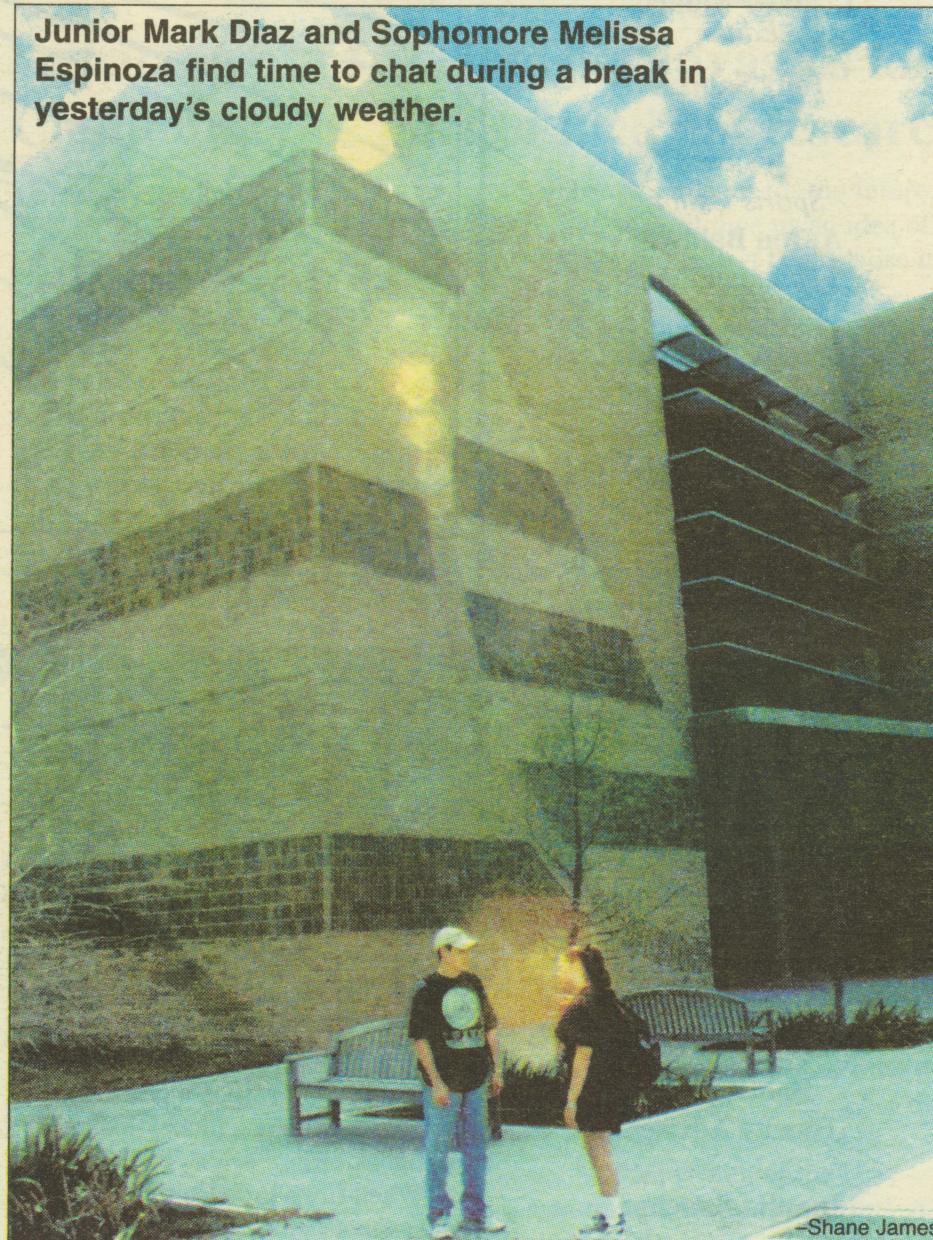
Eligibility can be reinstated during the suspension if students complete rehabilitation and pass two random drug tests, but the law does not define rehabilitation, said Judy Schneider, assistant vice president and director of Student Financial Aid at the University of Texas at Arlington.

"We are somewhat hopeful that Congress will address some of the questions and actually reverse its position and not tie financial aid to the issue," said Schneider, president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. "We do not feel like it's an issue that should be tied to receiving financial aid."

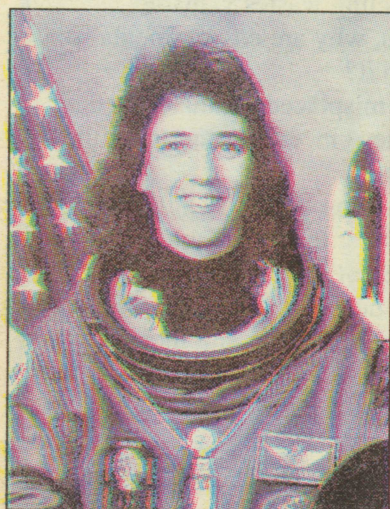
The opinion is shared by Drug Reform Coordination Network officials in Washington, who are trying to spread awareness of the provision through an online newsletter.

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Junior Mark Diaz and Sophomore Melissa Espinoza find time to chat during a break in yesterday's cloudy weather.



—Shane James



Dr. Nancy Currie

Shuttle astronaut will address students at Fieldhouse

University Relations

Shuttle astronaut Dr. Nancy J. Currie, who was the flight engineer aboard the historic December 1998 shuttle mission that began construction of the International Space Station, will give two lectures April 9, at UTPA.

Currie, who is also a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, will address high school students from through-

out the Rio Grande Valley at the Fieldhouse from 10 to 11:20 a.m. She is scheduled to present a UTPA pennant she carried with her into space on the December mission to Dr. Miguel A. Nevárez, president of UTPA.

She also will speak to UTPA students, faculty and staff from 2 to 2:45 p.m. in room 1.300 of the Engineering Building.

The objective of the 12-day

mission in December aboard the shuttle Endeavour was to mate the first American-made module, Unity, to the first Russian-made module, Zarya. Currie's primary role was to operate the shuttle's 50-foot robotic arm to retrieve Zarya and connect the first two station segments.

Currie has logged more than 737 hours in space and 482 orbits of the earth.

She received her doctorate

in industrial engineering from the University of Houston in 1997. Her dissertation advisor at UH was Dr. Jacob Chen, who is now the dean of the College of Science and Engineering at UTPA.

Currie, who also holds a bachelor's degree in biological science and a master's degree in safety, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1981. She became an astronaut in 1991.



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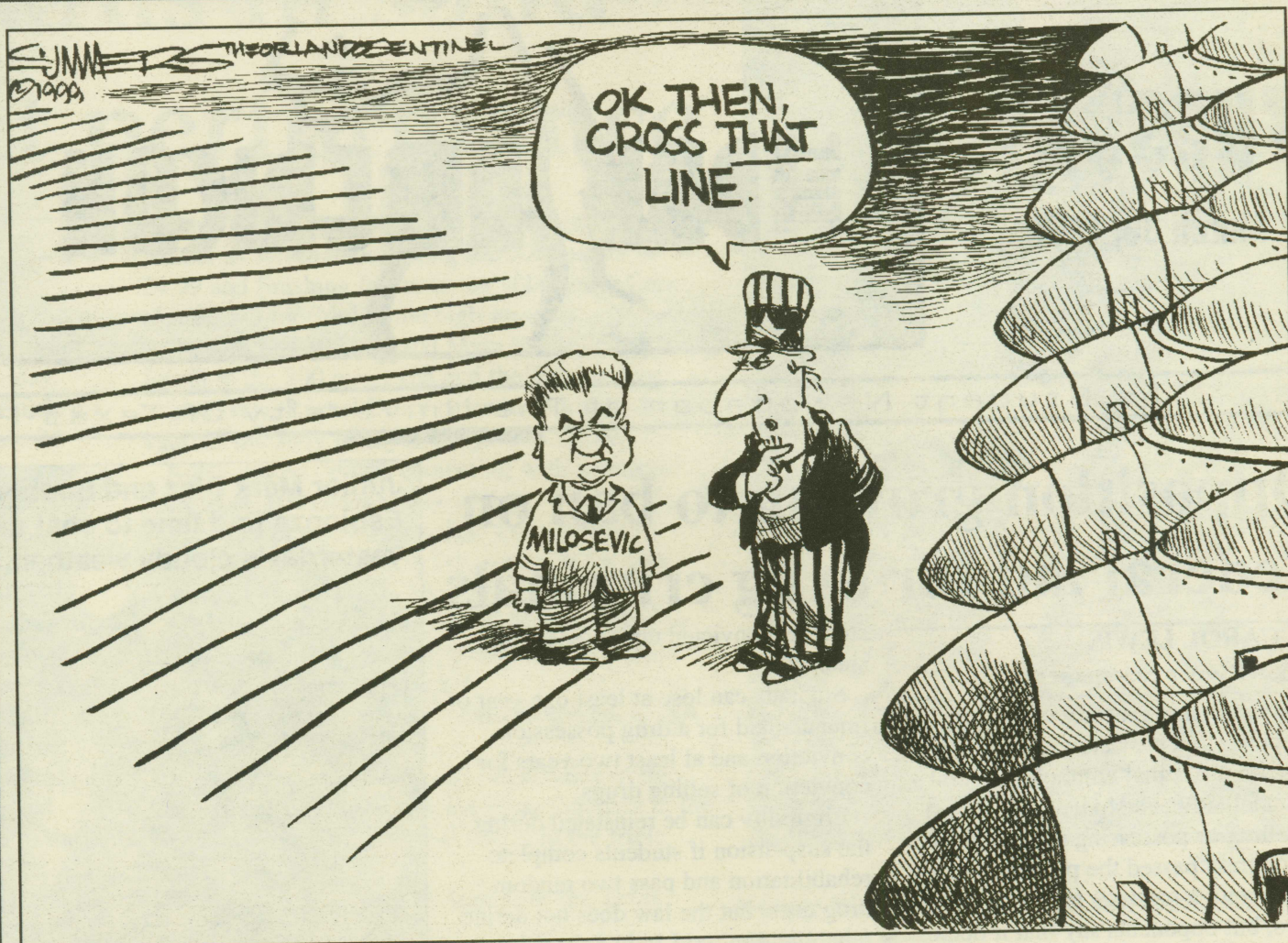
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Recycling does more harm than good

By W. ROBERT REED
Oklahoma Daily

The age of recycling is upon us. Billboards, Coke cans, cereal boxes and even vice presidents of the United States tell us we must recycle to save the Earth's scarce resources. "Save the Planet." "Do it for Mother Earth." "Do it for the children." And yet ...

If recycling is such a great idea, why is it usually a money-losing proposition?

When firms produce things that consumers want, they make profits. When they produce things people do not want, they lose money. Why is recycling different? It's not.

Consider the following statement made by the recycling coordinator of New York University: "The revenue from recycling doesn't offset any of the costs of recycling." Low revenues can only mean one thing: People are not willing to pay much money for the goods that recycling produces. In other words, they don't value recycled goods very highly.

But think of all the resources society saves by recycling. We are saving resources, aren't we? Yes, we are saving some resources. But we're

also using up other resources.

It takes resources to save resources. It takes labor to collect and sort the telephone books, newspapers, cans, plastic milk cartons and glass bottles that are recycled.

It takes machines to transform discarded newspapers into a pulpy mush that can be reprocessed into usable paper products and energy to operate those machines.

The labor, machines and energy used for recycling could be used to produce goods and services other than recycled products. When we recycle, we effectively deny people these goods and services. If recycling loses money, it means that the resources used to make recycled goods would have produced more good for society if they had been used for something else.

In other words, recycling causes the destruction of resources that are more valuable than the resources recycling saves.

But what about the landfill argument? "Recycling is good," it is said, "because it keeps trash from piling up in landfills." This argument is based on the premise that landfill space is scarce.

If landfill space were scarce, then the price of landfills would be high. If the price of landfills were high, then universities would have to pay a lot of money for the right to deposit their trash on somebody's land. In that case recycling would pay for itself in lowered costs, and university officials wouldn't have to be goaded by student environmentalists to recycle.

They would do it voluntarily, because the accounting department recommended it — not because of pressure from the social-responsibility department.

If recycling wastes valuable resources, why are environmentalists so big on it?

Call it misplaced idealism. To their credit, they sincerely want to do the right thing.

But wanting to do the right thing and knowing the right thing to do are two different things.

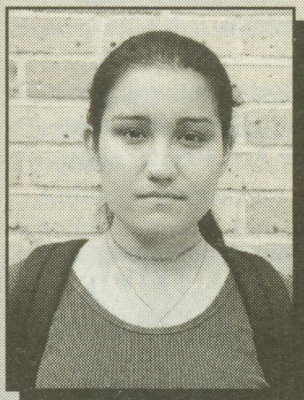
So the next time somebody asks whether you recycle, tell them you used to.

But not anymore. You gave it up to conserve valuable resources. Do it for the children.

Q & A

Do you think the computer labs are adequate for UTPA students?

— Rene Flores



Rita Flores
Sophomore
Computer Science

Yes. They are adequate, but they could be better. Software is outdated and I always have problems with printers. They are fine if you have no other means of getting to a computer.

Nathan Obregon
Junior
Marketing

Yes. Some labs need to improve, especially in computer speed. It takes too long to download and when you are pressed for time you don't want to be held back by a slow computer.



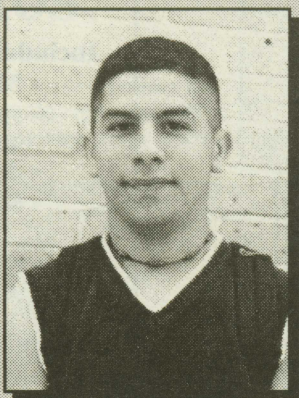
Alva Gonzalez
Senior
Education

No. They seem to always freeze or break down. Lab assistants do help you, but most of the time they just want you try another computer.



Luis Pacheco
Freshman
Criminal Justice

Yes, they are, since there are lab assistants to help. I would like to see more printers and maybe some color printers, so we don't have to use outside sources for color prints.



Pamela Lopez
Graduate Student
Nursing

Yes. Especially for students that do not have access to a computer at home. The hours available are also extremely convenient. The number of computers are also adequate.



Campus Briefs

Department of Sociology canvasses local Community as part of medical research

University Relations

The Department of Sociology at UTPA recently launched a random health sampling of the elderly population in the Pharr, San Juan, Alamo, Donna, and Weslaco areas.

The project is part of UTPA's Minority Biomedical Research Support Program, and will involve randomly selecting and interviewing two percent of Hidalgo County's population over the age of 45.

"A study such as this one has never been done in the Rio Grande Valley before," said Dr. Elena Bastida, professor and chair of sociology at UTPA. "We are going to study the health patterns of the Valley so we

will be able to plan for the future. This study will give us an idea of what we can expect health wise in the future."

The randomly selected participants will be interviewed in depth about changes in health, housing, nutrition and transportation, as well as social and psychological conditions relating to the aging process.

Participants are being selected from the Hispanic community from all economic backgrounds.

The people selected for the study will receive a \$20 stipend, and Bastida encourages the participants to cooperate fully with the student researchers in this important study.

UTPA professor appointed by president To serve on Border Health Commission

University Relations

Dr. Paul Villas, executive director of The University of Texas System Texas-Mexico Border Health Coordination Office, located on the campus of UTPA, has been appointed by President Bill Clinton to serve as a member of the federal United States-Mexico Border Health Commission.

Villas, who also is an associate professor in the Department of Health and Kinesiology at UTPA, gave the UTMBHCO much of the credit for his appointment.

"This is a tremendous honor, not just for myself, but also for the Border Health Coordination Office and for our area," Villas said. "It (appointment) has a lot to do with the activity of our office. I think this is going to be a great opportunity to focus attention on the border."

Villas is in Washington, D.C. this week to meet with other members of the commission, which is under the administration of the Office of International Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"The commission is charged with trying to bring collaboration to a lot of federally funded health projects on the border," he said. "Right now it's a very broad umbrella that we're functioning under. One of the things we'll do at this meeting (in Washington, D.C.) is try to develop a mission and vision for this commission. I can tell you from my personal conviction and of other members of the commission that I know, it will probably have a

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MARCH

30-31 CLINIC: Student Health Services will hold a Sexually Transmitted Disease and HIV Screening Clinic for students, faculty, and staff from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Emilia Hall. The clinic will provide free HIV testing and special pricing for STD's screening. To make an appointment, call 381-2511.

30 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will meet at Noon in the Science Building, room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

30 MEETING: The Anthropology Club will meet at Noon in SBSC 117 to discuss their annual trip. Everyone is welcome to attend.

30 FORUM: As part of "Tolerance Week," the Student Government Association will present a student forum on the effects of intolerance at Noon in the Xochitl Room next to the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

30 ACTIVITY: The Forum on International Relations and Business Affairs (FIRBA) will hold a pizza sale from Noon - 1 p.m. outside the BUSA Building.

30 PRESENTATION: As part of Cesar Chavez Week, El Sexto Sol de MEChA will host a presentation at Noon in the UC Bronc Room on the life of

Cesar Chavez with Ray Gill, UFW attorney and Doña Maria Gomez, UFW organizer. Free refreshments will be served.

30 CONCERT: The Music Department will present a UTPA Band Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

31 ACTIVITY: As part of "Tolerance Week," the Student Government Association will present the Bacchus & Gamma Film Festival all day in the 1st floor of the University Center.

31 PRESENTATION: As part of Cesar Chavez Week, El Sexto Sol de MEChA will host a presentation from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the UC Bronc Room, which includes the dedication of the MEChA bench, a memorial party, and video of Marcha in San Antonio. Free refreshments will be served.

1 ACTIVITY: As part of "Tolerance Week," the Student Government Association will sponsor a silent march through the walkway at Noon starting in front of the University Center.

1 ACTIVITY: As part of Cesar Chavez Week, El Sexto Sol de MEChA will host a discussion at Noon in the UC Bronc Room on making Cesar Chavez' birthday a state holiday. Free refreshments will be served.

2-3 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Dallas Baptist at 4 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

6 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will meet at Noon in the Science Building, room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

6 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Texas A&M Kingsville at 4 p.m. at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

6 RECITAL: The Music Department will present a Senior Recital featuring Art Hinojosa on saxophone at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

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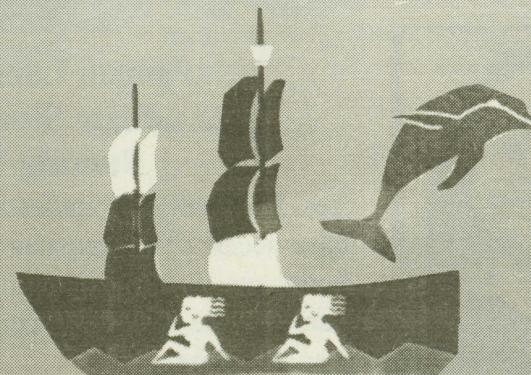
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Texas Senate approves bill exempting private Career colleges and schools from the TASP test

College Press Exchange

AUSTIN – The Senate approved Senate Bill 406 by Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., D-Brownsville that exempts students of proprietary schools from having to take the TASP (Texas Academic Skills Programs) test.

Although proprietary schools do not receive state funding, rules passed in July 1996 by the Higher Education Coordinating Board began requiring students enrolled in associate of applied science degrees on or after January 1, 1997, to take and pass all sections of the TASP test. When students fail a section(s) of the TASP, the costs for any necessary remediation are transferred to them. This represents an unfunded mandate, which is also called "discriminatory" by proprietary school administrators.

The Coordinating Board

adopted an amendment to delay implementation of the rule until September 1, 1997. Sen. Lucio's bill exempting private career college students from the TASP test passed the Senate last session, but died on the House calendar.

"Proprietary schools offer the foundation of academic study while emphasizing technical and skills training programs," said Sen. Lucio. "We often forget that many of our brightest students choose to continue their education at a proprietary school in order to obtain a high paying technical job."

Private, proprietary institutions enjoy a graduate job placement rate of more than 80 percent, plus above average starting salaries. Furthermore, proprietary schools give students the opportunity to obtain high paying technical jobs. High tech job salaries in Texas

have doubled from a combined total of \$8.5 billion in the mid 1980s to \$17.5 billion in 1997.

There are 240 of these schools throughout the state, and in some campuses, Hispanic enrollment is at 45 percent. In the Valley, there are four: South Texas Vocational Technical institute in McAllen and Brownsville; Southern Career Institute in Pharr; San Antonio Medical and Dental in McAllen; and Vanguard Institute of Technology in Edinburg and Harlingen. Proprietary degree-granting institutions already require applicants to have a high school diploma or the equivalent, and they must satisfactorily pass standardized tests at established levels before being admitted. Adding the cost burden of a mandatory TASP test is unnecessary and discouraging to some students.

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public health bent to it."

The commission is made up of two nominated members and the commissioner of health of each of the four border states. U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna E. Shalala is the commission's 13th member, Villas said.

The commission was created with the intent of finding ways to improve the health status of Americans living along the border. It was established in 1994 by the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission Act (Public Law 103-400). Villas holds a doctorate in education in community health education with a collateral in public health from the University of Tennessee. He is a former Extramural Associate with the National Institutes of Health and has completed epidemiological work at

Emory University and the Centers for Disease Control. He was a Fulbright Professor at the Medical School of Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez in Juarez, Mexico, in 1991-92. He also is a Certified Health Education Specialist.

Villas has been executive director of the Border Health Coordination Office since 1994. The office is responsible for coordinating services among the various health-related projects established in the Texas-Mexico border area by UT System component institutions. It is charged with fostering collaborative health education, health services and health research leading to improved health for the citizens of Texas living along the border. One of the major projects of the office is the Texas-Mexico Border Diabetes Registry Project.



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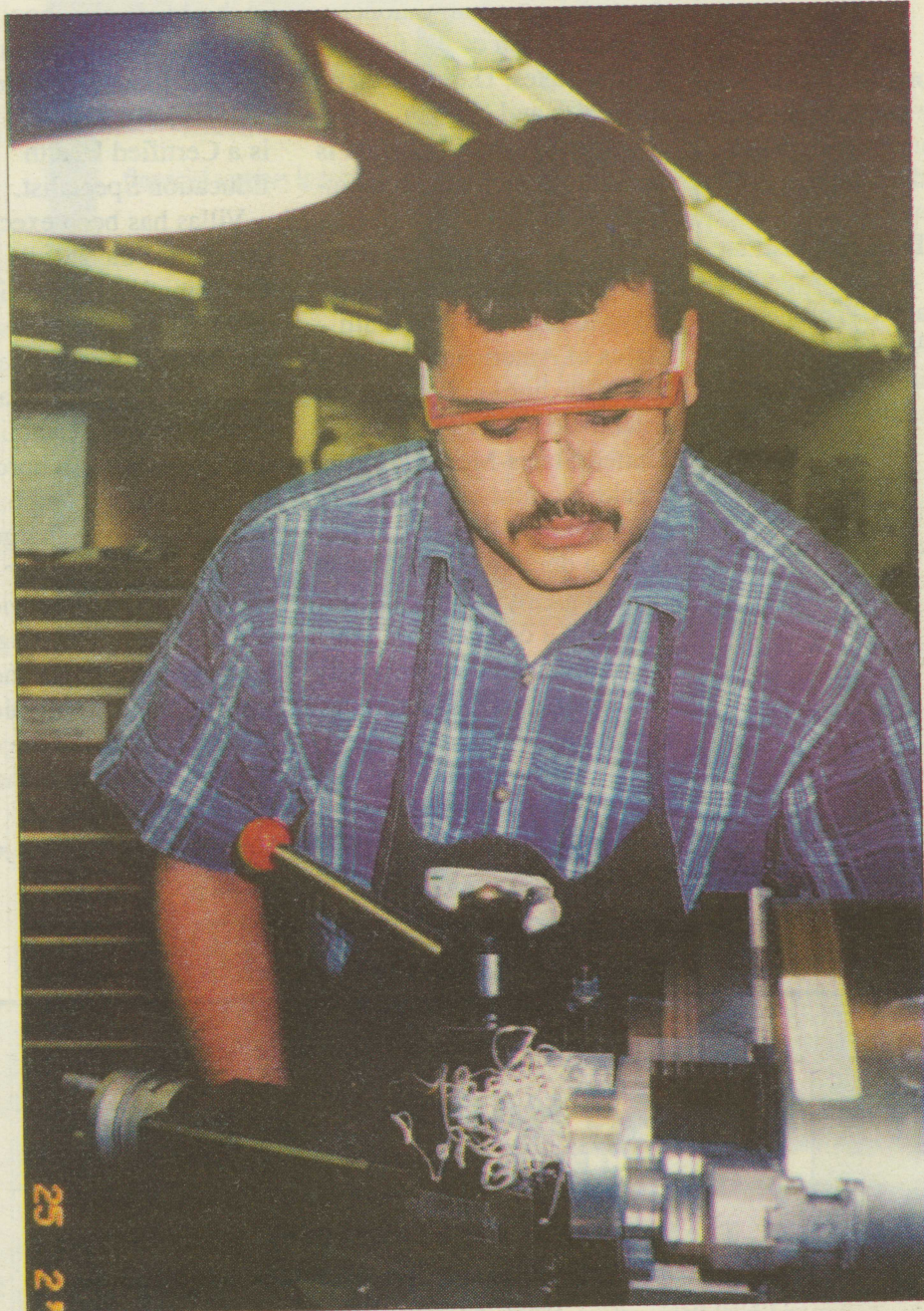
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Engineering Department

by Nydia Lopez



Hector Suarez works on one of the many government projects that are assigned to the Engineering Department.

Before 1992, UTPA offered students a pre-Engineering program, which meant students could only take the first two years of basic engineering and then have to finish the program at another school. Engineering classes were held in the physics building.

In 1989 UTPA joined the UT System and in 1992 UTPA received approval from the Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer students a degree in engineering. Plans were soon underway and within two and a half years UTPA broke ground in January 1994 and opened its doors to students in the summer of 1996.

The Engineering Department features state-of-the-art instructional and laboratory facilities. The cost of the 122,000 square-foot building was \$20 million and \$3.8 million were used to purchase first-class lab equipment. In addition, the faculty wrote a proposal for a competitive grant to the National Science Foundation (NSF) to provide more funding for the department. A total of \$450,000 was granted to the department.

The department offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Mechanical Engineering, which applies principles of mechanics and energy to the design of machines and devices; Electrical Engineering, which studies and applies the laws of electricity in building electronic devices, and Manufacturing Engineering, which encompasses the science and art of making quality products at a reasonable cost.

The goal of the program is to provide a level of experience to permit students to step directly into either industry jobs or graduate school and perform well from the start.

Chairman of the department, Dr. Edwin LeMaster, said "The Engineering department has a tremendous potential for becoming a really outstanding Engineering program in the state and national level."

Even though the program is new, according to LeMaster, students are finding employment opportunities that keep increasing every year. Enrollment has increased for the last eight years. About 120 students have graduated with a degree in Engineering. Some have high paying jobs that start at \$55,000. Companies such as IBM, Weyerhaeuser and maquiladoras from Mexico are hiring graduates from UTPA.

'The Engineering Department has a tremendous potential for becoming an outstanding Engineering program in the state and national level.'

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Left: Emiliano Giudici explains how the channel water works when studying the movement in water.



ent Continues to Grow

The department also has a faculty from some of the top engineering schools who pursue research engineering projects funded by the government along with other sponsors such as research labs and the industry. It provides numerous opportunities for students to participate in cutting-edge work.

The department also has clubs such as The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), and the Institute of Electronic and Engineers (IEE). These clubs help students develop leadership skills, apply for scholarships for financial assistance, compete in state and nationwide, and opportunities for internships in the industry.

Department Potential for Growing in the Level.'

Edwin LeMaster

LeMaster said "the faculty at the Engineering Department help students find prominent jobs in the industry."

Espinoza said an engineering degree makes one more marketable in the business.

Students in the department have brought attention to the Valley by winning the National Design competition.

The competition involves solving a problem, designing and finding a solution for the problem. In 1997, a student from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers won first place nationwide for designing a small housing project. Last year another student won second place also nationwide for designing a seat belt retractor.

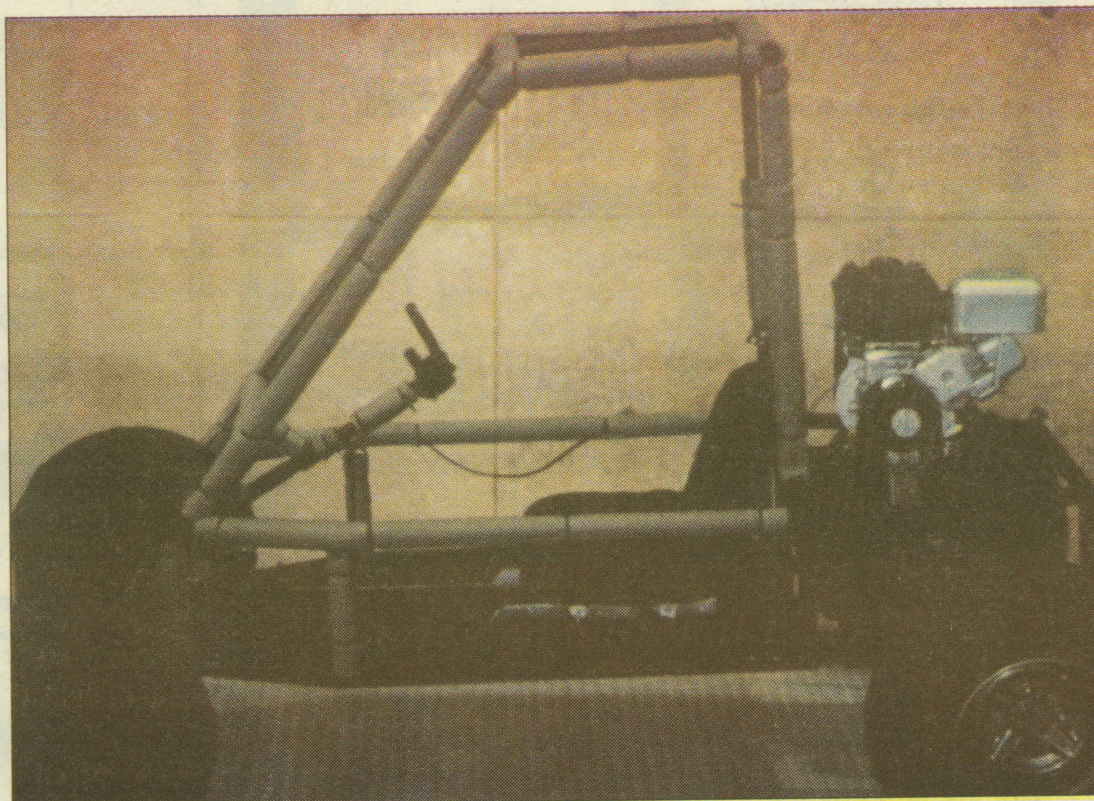
Another national competition the department is involved in is the Mini Baja Project. A team of six students work together and develop a strategy to build a desert race car. They are given a motor for the car and they have to design and build the car.

The Engineering Department has a lot of offer students at UTPA. They are working hard to become one of the best programs offered to students nationwide.



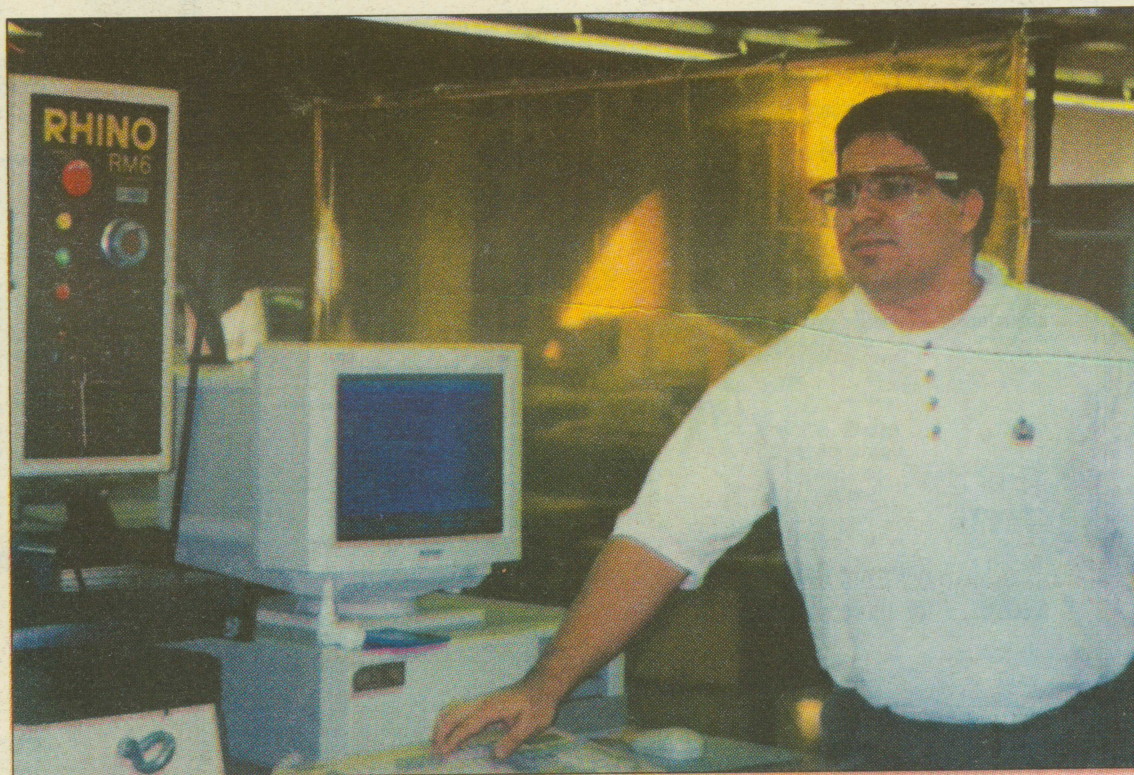
Left: Dr. LeMaster introduces David Torres from the Sheltermex Company to student Romeo Sanchez and informs him on the Engineering program.

Right: Arnold Garcia, a graduate student explains how the manufacturing equipment works and helps engineering students gain hands-on experience.



Left: The Mini Baja racing car, built by students, was on display during Engineering Week.

This is the second in a series of features on the various departments at UTPA.



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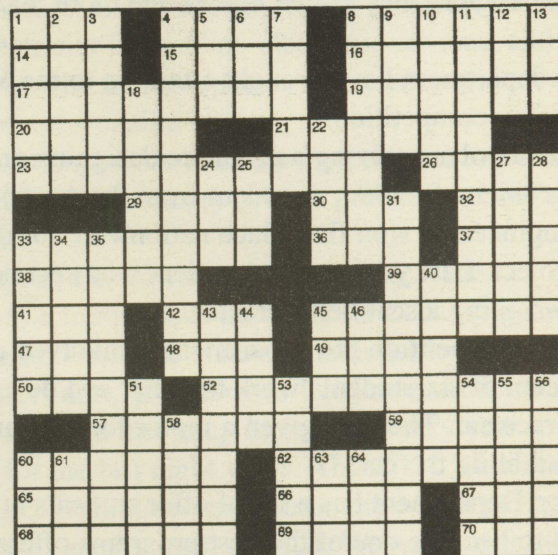
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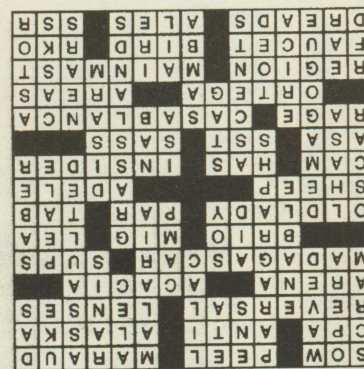
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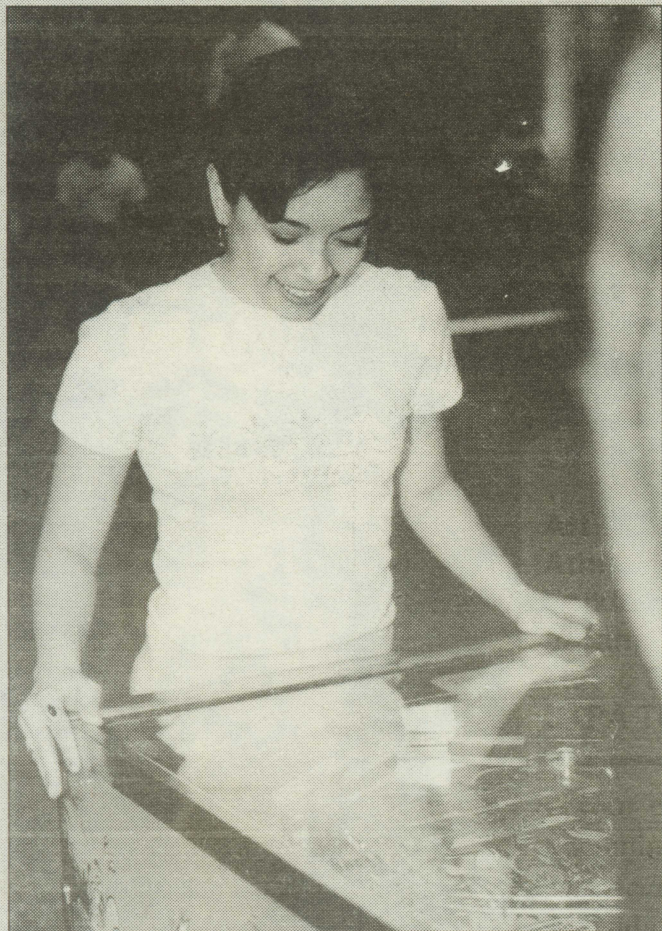
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Seen around campus



— Shane James

UTPA student Lisa Hernandez enjoys a break from her classes with a game of pinball in the University Center.

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Student leaders at UT-Dallas and 130 other campuses are reviewing the provision to determine whether they will support a resolution to ask Congress to overturn it, said Adam Smith, the network's associate director.

"Given the racial disparity in drug law enforcement, this will inevitably have a discriminatory impact. It will deny education to those for whom it is most vital: the poor, the nonwhite and nonviolent young people who have had previous contact with the criminal justice system and who are trying to turn their lives around," said Smith.

Reports of increasing drug arrests among college students have contributed to lawmakers' frustration, but their approach should have focused on intervention and treatment, said Irma P. Jones, coordinator of substance abuse prevention and vice president for student affairs at University of North Texas.

"This is part of the 'let's get tough on drugs' attitude," she said.

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. gave the students' campaign a boost last week by introducing a bill to repeal the provision. But it most likely

will be opposed by lawmakers such as House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, who strongly supported the provision.

"Every criminal who gets funding takes away from other students who need it," said Jim Wilkinson, Armey's press secretary. "There are so many kids in the inner city that do not have access to money for education who want to get out of their situations and to make something out of their lives. To think that some students get turned down because a drug dealer gets it, is a big concern."

Not all students consider the provision a slap in the face.

Jesse Martin, a junior political science major at UNT, said he has grieved for friends killed or injured in drug- or alcohol-related accidents and believes that the provision will force students re-evaluate substance abuse.

"That is not a harsh punishment at all. It's not denying them financial aid forever," Martin said. "They have the option of rehabilitation. It gives them reason for rehabilitation to help put their lives together. Their education will mean more to them."

News In Review

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From Wire Reports

MONDAY: Peace talks break down, NATO poised for strikes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — With NATO forces preparing for war against Yugoslavia, U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke told Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic that he faced airstrikes if he didn't sign a peace deal in the Serb province of Kosovo. "We are on the brink of military action," Holbrooke said after the four hour talks ended. Milosevic continued to oppose the arrival of foreign troops in Kosovo, where Serbian forces have gone on a violent rampage against ethnic Albanian residents since international monitors left the region.

TUESDAY: NATO prepares to launch strikes against Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — With U.S. cruise missiles aimed at an array of Serbian military targets, NATO pushed its confrontation with Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic to the brink of war, announcing it would unleash a sustained aerial attack to force his troops to abide by a peace agreement in Kosovo.

Yugoslav army units and Serbian military police have continued pouring into Kosovo. Soldiers were taking up positions on roads, apparently planning to try to seal off the province.

WEDNESDAY: Clinton defends air strikes on Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON — The United States and its NATO allies began bombing Serbian targets in Yugoslavia in what President Clinton called a firm "stand against ethnic violence and atrocity." The first strikes included waves of cruise missiles launched from ships and B-52 bombers. New U.S. B-2 stealth bombers and other allied warplanes followed with more precision bombing. The NATO attack followed months of failed diplomacy and an 11th-hour appeal to Milosevic for peace by Clinton's peace emissary, Richard Holbrooke.

THURSDAY: NATO unleashes second wave of airstrikes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO unleashed a second wave of intensive airstrikes against Yugoslavia, and Milosevic responded by ordering Serbian forces to step up their attacks on ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, offering no sign the bombing campaign was achieving its goal. President Clinton said the NATO attack would not end until Milosevic embraces a peace treaty. Defense Secretary William Cohen said NATO would escalate its assault until the Serbian leader yielded and ordered a cease fire in Kosovo.

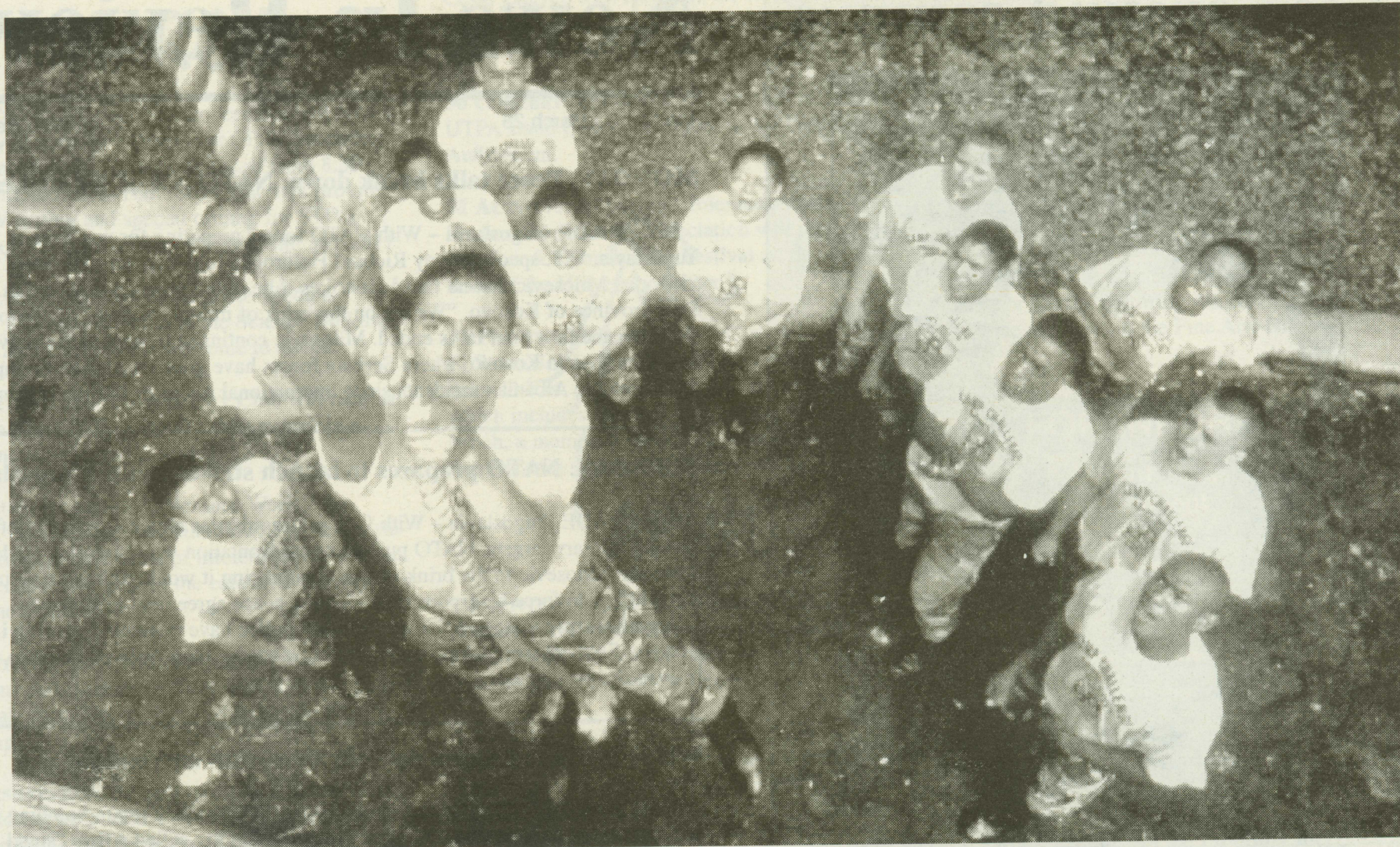
FRIDAY: Kevorkian convicted of second-degree murder

DETROIT — After nine years as the eccentric crusader for assisted suicide, Dr. Jack Kevorkian was convicted of second-degree murder. The jury debated 12 1/2 hours before reaching their verdict. Kevorkian, a 70-year-old retired pathologist, showed no emotion as the verdict was read Friday. Kevorkian told a reporter for *The Oakland Press of Pontiac* that he didn't believe the verdict was rational. "Manslaughter, I could understand how they would arrive at that. But murder? This? They must have been an astonishingly cruel jury," he said.

WEEKEND: NATO expands air assault, U.S. bomber downed

WASHINGTON — NATO officials, citing increasing reports of atrocities against the Kosovar Albanians, shifted to a new phase in the air campaign against Milosevic Saturday, targeting his ground troops, tanks, and armored personnel carriers in the bid to force the Serbian leader to agree to a peace accord.

A U.S. F-117A stealth bomber was shot down 30 miles west of Belgrade Saturday. Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon confirmed an American F-117A had gone down and the pilot had been rescued and was in good condition.



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Cubans come close in 11 inning thriller

Associated Press

HAVANA — Harold Baines singled in the go-ahead run in the 11th inning Sunday, giving the Orioles a 3-2 victory over a Cuban all-star team. It was the first time a major-league team played in Cuba in 40 years.

"The main thing is that this was a good show," Cuban manager Alfonso Urquiola said. "We have the respect of the Orioles."

The specially selected 50,000 fans yelled and shouted as the Cubans rallied to tie the game in the eighth. Even without benefit of the customary drums or bells, the fans made enough noise to shake the glass window in the tiny press box.

But immediately after Orioles backup second baseman Jesse Garcia made his second straight nice play to end the game, the fans in Estadio Latinoamericano left disappointed. Still, the Cubans did a lot better than many expected, outhitting the Orioles 10-6.

Jose Contreras allowed two hits over eight shutout innings in relief and struck out 10. He twice fanned Albert Belle, who went 0-for-5.

Baltimore took a 2-0 lead on Charles Johnson's two-run homer in the second, but Roberquis

Videaux hit an RBI single in the seventh and Omar Linares, Cuba's most

broached the idea of the game three years ago.

Major league teams once visited Cuba regularly, but this was the first game since the Los Angeles Dodgers and Cincinnati Reds played on March 21, 1959, about two months after Castro's revolution ousted dictator Fulgencio Batista on New Year's Day.

*The main thing is that this was a good show,
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**—Alfonso Urquiola
Manager, Cuban National Team**

renowned player, singled in the tying run with two outs in the eighth off Mike Timlin.

Castro watched from the first row behind the plate, sitting between baseball commissioner Bud Selig and Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who first

This exhibition — agreed upon after the Clinton administration decided in January to ease the four-decade-old U.S. trade embargo against Cuba — ended the seemingly indefinite baseball disassociation between two countries that consider the game its national

pastime.

Baltimore went up 2-0 in the second when B.J. Surhoff got a leadoff single and Johnson drove a pitch from Jose Ibar over the left-field wall.

Ibar, who went 18-2 this season, was given the quick hook after hitting Brady Anderson with a pitch to open the third.

Cuba threatened in the first but Luis Ulacia was thrown out by right fielder Belle trying to stretch a single and Jose Estrado was cut down at the plate trying to score on an infield grounder to shortstop Mike Bordick.

Videaux hit an RBI single to make it 2-1. The crowd got even louder in the eighth when Linares singled in the tying run.

There will be a rematch in Baltimore on May 3, and perhaps the Cubans will fare better with the addition of top players who missed this exhibition because of their involvement in the country's playoffs.

Venus defeats sister in Lipton final

Associated Press

KEY BISCAINE — Talk about close sisters.

Venus Williams beat kid sister Serena in the women's final of the Lipton Championships on Sunday, but she needed three sets to do it. Venus took eight of the final nine points and won 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

After staging the first all-sister women's final in 115 years, Venus and Serena shrugged off the achievement.

"It's not too big," Venus said. "In the end we go home, we live life. You have to be happy after that. You have to remind yourself it's a game, and there's only one winner. Next week there will be another opportunity."

Venus won \$265,000 for her second consecutive Lipton title. Serena's 16-match winning streak ended, and she settled for \$132,000.

The sisters looked tense throughout the match but wore broad smiles during the trophy ceremony.

"It's so great Serena is doing so well," Venus said. "It's so exciting. We're really happy."

Their dad, however, strug-

gled with his emotions and left his seat for several games. The family lived in a poor neighborhood in Compton, Calif., before moving to Florida in 1991.

"I left the match because I thought I was going to cry," Williams said. "What was going through my mind was all the problems we've had in tennis, bringing the girls up, how difficult it was, the gang members, all the people out there."

Venus dominated the first set, with Serena rarely able to hit a ball beyond her sister's reach. Serena was inconsistent from the baseline throughout the match and had a whopping 66 unforced errors, to 41 for Venus.

Trailing 4-3 in the second set, Serena rallied and won three consecutive games. Many of her points came on mistakes by Venus.

"Serena always comes back and beats people," Venus said. "I didn't want to become another victim. It was all I could do to hold her off."

Serena fell behind 2-1 in the final set, then flung her racket across the court in frustration.

"After a while you're think-

ing, 'I can win,'" she said. "You're not thinking about who you're playing."

Serena broke serve with a backhand passing shot to even the third set 4-4, but she had seven unforced errors in the final two games.

"Venus played a great match," Serena said. "It was very exciting. I'm glad I was able to come back from the first-set deficit and make it more interesting for the crowd."

Venus now leads the sibling rivalry 3-0. She'll remain No. 6 in the new rankings, while Serena will climb to a career-best 11th.

According to the WTA Tour, the only other all-sister women's final took place at Wimbledon in 1884, when Maud Watson beat her older sister, Lilian.

A Williams rematch is likely soon. The sisters plan to play in many of the same tournaments the rest of the year.

"I definitely look forward to another final with Venus," Serena said. "It's what we always dreamed of."

Duvals combine for First father/son win

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH — The Duval Double is complete.

And what an emotional payoff.

On the day David Duval got the biggest victory of his career, his father, Bob, was down the coast picking up the very first of his.

David's victory at The Players Championship propelled him to No. 1 in the world rankings. Bob's win at the senior Emerald Coast Classic near Pensacola made the Duvals the first father-son combination to win on the same weekend.

"I think I would win the award as the most proud," David Duval said. Bob Duval had his doubts about that. A few hours after his victory, he stood in the clubhouse at the Moors Club, outside of Pensacola, and cried as his son received the trophy.

"I think he's No. 1 now, don't you?" he said.

The venues for these victories couldn't have been

more appropriate.

David is a native of near-by Jacksonville and grew up around the TPC at Sawgrass.

How many times did he come to this tournament, hang around the driving range, follow the players down No. 18 and imagine it was him holding that trophy high in victory?

"The hardest place to win is at home," Bob Duval said. "Every time he tees it up there, he wants to win."

The two stayed in contact throughout the weekend, offering advice, words of encouragement and chit chat about other topics, just to take their minds off the history at hand.

"I said, 'Tomorrow while you are playing, you are going to think about winning, OK?'" David Duval said.

The father took the son's advice. And those trophies might look good sitting side by side.

Warrick turns in solid Dual meet performance

UTPA Sports Information

SAN MARCOS — UTPA standout Kacey Warrick proved her endurance powers as a distance runner late Saturday when she won the 1,500 after finishing second in the 3,000 at Houston Friday.

Warrick, a junior from Cameron, Texas, finished a strong second in the Rice Bayou City Classic 24 hours before her victory at San Marcos.

In Houston, Warrick covered the 3,000 meters in 10:04, losing close to Corinne Nimitz of the University of Minnesota.

Warrick then conquered six rivals in the 1,500 meter run at the Southwest Texas State Quadrangular running a solid 4:47.30, holding off runner-up Brandi Orosco of North Texas by 6.01 seconds.

Coach Dana Colligan-Gutierrez of UTPA had taken Warrick and Esmer Davila—who finished 10th in the same race—to Houston while assistant coaches Michael Bartolina, Kay Iheagwam and Carmel Myers trucked the rest of the squad to the SWT Quad.

"Kacey took second in the 3,000 in a very good field," Colligan-Gutierrez said, "and Esmer ran her season best, 10:41."

Shari Galvin proved to be the Lady Broncs' other winner at San Marcos, taking the 200 meters in 24.99 and finishing fourth in the 100. Laura Cruz cleared 5-3 for third in the high jump.

Runners Olaya Teran and Myra Ramirez took fourth in the 800 meter run and the 400 hurdles respectively. Rachel Drury came in fourth in the pole vault as did Judy Kotey in the javelin throw.

Kotey placed despite competing with a strained hamstring. Her status is day-to-day.

The Bobcat women won their event with 194 points, followed by North Texas 146, Texas-San Antonio 140 and UTPA 70.

Chris Vega and Danny Salazar, finished third in the 200 and 5,000 meters respectively, leading the Broncs in the men's division.

SWT scored 205 points, North Texas 170, UTSA 137 and the Broncs 57.

Joe Medina turned in fourth place finish in the 1,500 meter run as did sprinter Marc Guerrier in the 100. Eric Rodriguez finished fourth in the triple jump.

The Broncs next head to Austin for the Texas Relays.



—Bert Gonzalez

Kacey Warrick continues her solid career as a Lady Bronc.

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